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AT 5c A YARD.

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With your name and address in return we will receive free of any charge a beautiful set of paper doll dresses in colors for girls and boys and an instructive book on thread and sewing. Willimantic Star Thread is best for machine sewing or hand sewing. Write for it.

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The Lima Times-Democrat.

THE TIMES-DEMOCRAT PUBLISHING CO.

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TELEPHONE CALL, NO. 24

TALES OF THE TOWN

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Johnson, an eleven pound boy.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. McClintock of the O'Connor block, a boy.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stevenson, of St. Johns avenue, a boy.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Phalen, of South Main street, a 12-pound boy.

The clerks of Feldman's store gave a very enjoyable picnic at Hovers lake last night.

The Cincinnati ball team arrived on the 11 o'clock train and is stop over at the Taylor House.

Mrs. M. J. Hawley drew the quilt Monday evening which was raffled for the benefit of Miss Callahan.

Will Riley, who has been a messenger in the Buckeye Pipe Line office has been promoted to an operator and transferred to the Montpelier office.

Sheriff Fisher went to Lafayette this morning to arrange for the burial of Newt Cover, the son of a friend of his, who was drowned at Findlay yesterday.

Ex-line here, after Thos. McNeff of the C. H. & D. has taken a permanent position with the Lima Electric Light and Power Company and is overhauling the entire line.

Nearly two hundred members of Trinity M. E. church and their friends, went to Quincy on O. S. train this morning to a picnic. They will return at 9:30 o'clock to-night.

The case of assault and battery, preferred against John Mahoney by Jack Morrissey, came up before the mayor last evening and resulted in

the defendant being discharged and the case dismissed.

Chas. W. Vogel has been granted a patent on a lounge bed.

Jim Miller, the C. H. & D. train dispatcher who has been sick at his home in Cairo for several days was reported some better today.

This afternoon County Clerk Tolian turned over to the county the sum of \$1,035.08 the amount of fines and costs and unclaimed costs accumulated during the recent term of court.

The proprietor of the Home restaurant, on West High street, served a complimentary supper to the fire men of the central station last night. The supper was a nice one and highly appreciated by the firemen.

Last night brakeman Snell, of the P. F. W. & C. was knocked from his train by a water plug in front of the depot. He scalped was cut and leg badly wrenched. Dr. Vul dressed his wounds and sent the injured man to F. Wayne, his home.

Mrs. Barney Montague of West Dureka street received a telegram from Detroit, Mich., today announcing that her father was dying at his home in that city. Mrs. Montague left for Detroit, over the C. H. & D., at 11 o'clock this afternoon.

This morning the Street Railway company filed a complaint before the mayor charging Bruce Appleby with unlawfully riding on the street cars. The boy was summoned before the mayor and pleading guilty was fined \$1, which was paid and he was released.

BIG BARGAIN IN HOSE

At D. Bell's This Week

Large lot of Fine Lisle Hose in both Blacks and Tans Regular 50 cent quality for 25 cents a pair at 19 it & W. D. BELL'S

Music Lovers

Should attend the Orion Concert, Klaus Hall Thursday evening, and hear some of the central sangerfest music.

SHARROD FLED.

The Home Trader too Smooth for the Others.

He Successfully Eudes Them and Says He will Not be Taken Alive.

At Sharrod the horse trader whose inhuman treatment to a sick horse was mentioned in the Times Democrat yesterday is still at large.

In some manner Sharrod learned that a warrant had been issued for his arrest, and when constable Mumaugh and Col. Wm. Meeking neared his home in Anglake county they were discovered by him and he fled to the woods before they could get near enough to stop him. The fugitive while making his escape to the woods passed a farmer named Apple to whom

HE EXHIBITED A REVOLVER.

Which he had sticking in his belt and declared that he would never be taken alive. He appeared badly frightened but seemed determined that he would not be captured.

Mumaugh and Meeking drove around some distance and tried to head Sharrod off, but missed him and started as if to drive back to this city but instead they hid their horse and buggy in a wood and returned to the house expecting to find the object of their search there but when they arrived they learned that the fellow had again fled the city. Mumaugh and Meeking had been making for a large wood about two miles distant. The constable and Col. Meeking having been outwitted a second time and being no chance to capture their man under the circumstances returned to this city.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE

Brick Streets Being Paved in Bellare for Sixty-one Cents.

The following special order from Bellare to the Cleveland Board of yesterday is respectfully returned to the members of the paving committee and city council.

Bellare contractors are doing brick street paving at 1 cent per square yard. Two years ago Columbus paid the same contractors \$2 per square yard for the same work.

ABOUT PEOPLE

Who They Are, Where They Have Been and are Going.

J. M. Elliott was in Ottumwa today.

J. S. Good was down from Toledo today.

Will P. Bush went to Fremont this morning.

Bert Lave returned to Iowa this afternoon.

H. I. Lungin went to St. Mary's this morning.

George Vail returned last night from Bay View Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Porter of Detroit are guests at his parents.

M. S. Thompson returned to his home from a visit in New York.

Jeff Morris returned this afternoon from a trip to Cleveland and Toledo.

Charlie Mudgett, of the Speareville road, is visiting friends in Ridgeway.

Mrs. L. M. Wynn of Wilmington Del. is visiting Mr. F. W. Lippert.

Mrs. F. A. Collins and daughter Carrie are the guests of friends in Sidney.

Mrs. Nora LaBelle of East Market street is spending her vacation at Potosky Mich.

Mrs. Kittie McDonald is spending the week at Piquette the guest of her uncle J. M. Cahill.

R. J. Higginbotham and mother attended the funeral of Mrs. A. C. at St. Mary's yesterday.

Mont Fynn of Lima stopped in the city yesterday on his way to Columbus. *Adrian Daily*

Mrs. Will H. Boush left for Lima this morning where she will visit her aunt Mr. J. P. King.

Miss Clara Hackenbosch of Leetsville is the guest of her sister Mrs. A. Berry of West Wayne street.

W. C. Berry of the Hotel French returned this morning from a couple of days business trip to Cincinnati.

Misses Agnes and Maggie Clark of Cleveland are the guests of their aunt Mrs. W. I. O'Brien of St. West High street.

Mr. James Mick and family of Cleveland are the guests of his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mick of the Spencer road.

Mrs. M. C. Lippert of Kansas City was the guest of her sister Mrs. M. W. Godwin yesterday on her way to New Philadelphia.

Miss John Weil and daughter yesterday went to Lima where her husband has accepted a position in a drug store. *—Lima Daily Republic*

MORE ATTRACTIONS

D. BELL'S

MIDSUMMER SALE

Lot of 100 White Goods for 50c a yard.

Lot of 100 Ladies Lisle Hose in both black and tan 25c.

Lot of 500 Ladies Wines for 10c.

Lot of 100 Wines for 10c.

Lot of 100 wide Cord in light colors 5c a yard.

Besides many other big bargains at D. BELL'S

38 it & W. Leading Dry Goods Store

Lawnfels

The order of Railway Conductors will give a lawnfest at the residence of D. J. Little, No. 880 West Spring street, Wednesday evening July 25th. Refreshments of the season will be served at a nominal cost. The public generally are invited.

By Order of Committee

The Clumber Case.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Clumber, who were arrested yesterday afternoon for fighting were this morning sentenced to ten days imprisonment, but as the couple promised to leave town immediately, the sentence was remanded and they were released. They intend to go to Kenton.

ROUND ABOUT

The boys about the C. H. & D. depot point to Bill McCowan as an other instance of how the night boys have fallen. Only a few years ago he was one of the crack players of this part of the state and was a terror to the bats. In the game with the Day Hawk boys yesterday afternoon he went behind the bat but his eye was so slow that he failed to see the ball until after it had passed him so he was changed to second base. In the next inning he went to sleep between first and second base and the boys say he would have been there but had not a hit doubled him up.

LEEDOM HOME

The ex-Street Comm as once Brought Back to Lima.

Robert Leedom the ex-street commissioner who left his home for the second time a week ago last Sunday and turned up in Hartford City Ind. in account of which appeared in the Times Democrat has been brought home by one of his stepsons and his actions are still very strange at times.

This morning a woman named Putter living at Greenlaw avenue and next door to Leedom's appeared before Mayor Smith and stated that last night Leedom was taken to a room in the city and tied to a bed with chains. His hands were bound together by a chain and he was afraid to move. He was very violent and made a great deal of noise. The police were called but he was not taken away. They have since been watching him very closely.

GEORGE PETTIFLILL

The Well Known Farmer in a Dangerous Condition.

George Pettiflill the well known farmer who has been ill for some time is now in a dangerous condition. He was taken to the hospital yesterday and is now lying in bed. His condition is very serious and he is expected to die soon.

AT THE OLD STAND

F. M. Layman the Expert Piano Tuner Still With Porter & Son.

Mr. F. M. Layman who is recognized as one of the best piano tuners in the state is still connected with the enterprise made house of Porter & Son and if your piano needs tuning all you need have to do will be to call on Mr. Layman by telephone No. 210 and Mr. Layman will do the rest. Don't forget it.

You Will Miss

An opportunity of this time. You do not attend the concert at Kluge Hall Thursday evening July 27th. Admission 5c.

Upset the Truck

This morning about 10 o'clock while a large express truck was standing on the platform between the C. H. & D. and P. & W. tracks while a quantity of express matter was being loaded into the Syndikus accommodation at C. H. & D. switch engine backed down the track and hit it. It was not in the clear. The truck was upset and vegetables berries etc scattered about but no damage done.



ONE ENJOYS

Both the method and results when Syrup of Eps is taken; it is pleasant and refreshing to the taste, and acts gently yet promptly on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels, cleanses the system effectually, dispels colds, head aches and fevers and cures habitual constipation. Syrup of Eps is the only remedy of its kind ever produced, pleasing to the taste and acceptable to the stomach, prompt in its action and truly beneficial in its effects, prepared only from the most healthy and agreeable substances, its many excellent qualities commend it to all and have made it the most popular remedy known.

Syrup of Eps is for sale in 50c and \$1 bottles by all leading druggists. Any reliable druggist who may not have it on hand will procure it promptly for any one who wishes to try it. Do not accept any substitute.

CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO. SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

FUEL GAS.

The Outlook Promises an Abundant Supply.

The Ten inch Main Rapidly Nearing Completion—The Lima End will be Completed by September First.

In about six weeks time or perhaps less the people of Lima may expect to again have an abundance of fuel gas. It will be provided to everybody who wants it whether for a single burner in a private house for public building or manufacturing plants. The people who are furnishing the supply, express the greatest confidence in the quantity of gas they will have and assert that they will be in the position to furnish any one all the gas he may want for all purposes.

The supply of gas for Lima is being brought from the great gas fields of Delaware and Maryland. The richest region known for the production of natural gas. The wells there have a greater record for longevity than those in any other part of the natural gas belt. Some of the wells drilled in Delaware county when natural gas was first discovered are still giving out the fluid in almost as great quantities as when first drilled in. The Ohio and Indiana Gas Company which will furnish the supply to Lima has about 1000 acres of the richest gas land under lease, and have contracted for the drilling of twenty five wells all to be completed before December. Thirty wells have already been completed and out of that number only one has failed to bring a big producer.

The gas from the Indiana field will be transported a distance of sixty miles through a ten inch main. This large pipe stands east quite a distance into Mercer county to the Dayton piping station. There it branches off into two eight inch lines one extending toward the northeast to connect with the lines of the Lima Natural Gas Company and the other reaching south east to supply the Dayton field.

This ten inch main is now laid to a point about ten miles east of the Ohio state line and is being pushed on at the rate of two miles a day. The line is finished tested and gas turned on about two miles east of the little village of Summit in Mercer county and the works here are being extended rapidly. In about a month it can be at least a hundred miles long. There are about two hundred men employed on the line and there is work for another hundred men who want to work on the job. The trenches are run down by hand but the pipe is lowered together by a machine made for that purpose. This machine with the twenty men is easier to operate than a steam engine. It takes three times the amount of work that it finds it to accomplish in the same time with a steam engine. It is a good deal labor saving and greatly facilitates the work.

One of the most singular features connected with this work is that only a few men are employed. It is not a very large job and the ditching one would think that when time comes hard and labor is scarce there would be a shortage of men but this is not the case. This company has work on the trenches for three hundred men but only about half that number are at work. They are fifteen cents per hour and furnish all to be but up to the present moment have not been able to get the desired number of diggers.

Mr. James Murdoch the veteran man of Lafayette has charge of the construction of the entire line. J. D. S. Neely formerly of Lima has supervision of the pipe laying and is always on the ground supervising the work. The work is being very carefully and thoroughly done at the cost of a lot of money. The pipe screwing machine goes first over the ground and puts together the pipe. It requires only about one man to pick up a section of ten feet pipe and screw it into the other. The pipe is screwed together on top of the ground. In taking this machine the ditchers who dig a trench three feet deep on the side the string of pipe. Next comes a gang of men who lower it into the trench and put it into position. They are followed by a gang of caulkers who carefully test each joint and caulk all leaks if any be found. The last gang over the line is that which covers up the pipe.

The small army of men engaged in this work are housed on the job by a contractor. They sleep in tents pitched in some shady grove and partake of their meals beneath a large tent where the sutler sets his table.

Mr. Murdoch who has the entire work in charge is one of the wealthy men of Lafayette Indiana. He was the principal owner of the Lafayette gas plant and sold it some months ago to a syndicate of New York and Chicago people. He is largely interested in the company which will supply gas to Lima and talks very confidently of the supply of gas which his company will furnish this city. To the Times Democrat he said:

We will have in abundance of gas to supply every person in Lima till he may want. We will get our supply from the very best territory known in the history of natural gas. It is located in Delaware and neighboring counties and is a territory from which no gas has been taken. We have contracts for the drilling of seventy five wells, to be completed by December first twenty of which are now finished with only one failure. All the others are boomers. Of course I cannot say what the life of the field will be but we are confident enough of its longevity to be willing to invest a large amount of money in it. The very first gas well drilled in Delaware county years ago, is today giving out about as much gas as when first drilled in.

While we will have heavy well pressure we will not depend on that for our line pressure but will establish pumping stations and pump the gas to the various points to which we pipe gas. We will supply gas not only to private houses, but will contract to furnish it for any public building or for such manufacturing plants as may want to use that form of fuel.

You may say to your people that we will give Lima all the gas they want and will be there with it by the first of September. Mr. Murdoch's confidence in an abundant supply of gas may be best demonstrated by the fact that he has instructed the people in charge of the Lima plant to take all orders for supplying gas to any part of the town without regard to quality wanted.

THEY'RE ALL HERE

The Harman & Bell Prizes for the Winners.

Of the Great Races of Next Tuesday—The Prizes Elegant and Costly.

This morning Harman & Bell received and unpacked the last shipment of the beautiful and costly prizes which are to be given to the winners of the Northwestern Ohio bicycle race which will be run at the fair grounds next Tuesday afternoon.

There are over \$1200 worth of prizes selected and may be seen at any time at Harman & Bell's store. There have been few races this season where prizes have equalled in value those to be given at this meet. The most costly prize is given to the first to finish in the class B two mile handicap race. It is a Tribune racing bicycle valued at \$150. The first prize in the half mile open class B race is undoubtedly one of the most beautiful prizes given at any of the L. A. W. meets this season being a silver and gold punch set consisting of twelve pieces, including tray bowl and cups. The prize is valued at \$125. The first prize in the one mile open class B race is an elegant diamond ring valued at \$100 and the White sewing machine given as a second prize in the class B two mile handicap race, is the best and most complete machine ever manufactured by that company and is valued at \$60.

Another prize that is quite worthy of special mention is the first prize in the two mile lap of class B. It is a beautiful \$60000 parlor clock and an elegant urinal. The gold and silver water tea and shaving sets are valued at from \$10 to \$50 each and are all unique and pretty. The gold medals will be the finest given at any of the meets in this part of the country and none of the prizes even the second third and fourth ones will be cheap articles.

The entries are rapidly coming in from all over the country. The track will be made the best one half mile track in the circuit and the seating capacity will be enlarged to accommodate spectators and every indication is that this meet will be one of the greatest and most successful in the L. A. W. circuit.

Attention O. E. S. There will be a regular meeting of Trinity Chapter O. E. S. in Masonic Hall this evening. Initiation of all members is urged to be present. Mrs. P. A. Lewis W. M. If C. S. name Secy.

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Mid-Summer Dullness Banished!

G. E. BLUEM'S,

57 PUBLIC SQUARE

Table Linens AND Napkins to Match....

To-day and the balance of this week, we will have on sale several very choice Table Linens with Napkins to match. These goods never before have been sold for less than 38c per yard. We have decided to give a special sale on these goods for one week only, at

65c

Per yard, which is very cheap for this class of goods. Come and see them, and if you do, you are very apt to take a table cloth with you, as they are a bargain.

G. E. BLUEM.

THIS WEEK!

Great Clearing Sale!

COLUMBIA SHOE STORE.

The biggest cut on Fine Shoes ever heard of. Besides the bargains we have offered last week, we make these slaughter prices on Fine Shoes

LADIES'.....

Daker & Bowman's Syracuse N. Y., celebrated line of Ladies Fine Shoes worth in gold \$5.00 all plain toes, \$3.00.
Reynold Bros. Utica N. Y., world renowned fine fitting Shoes, best style worth \$5.00 for \$3.00.
P. Cox's Rochester Ladies Fine \$4.00 Shoes for \$2.50.
The Columbia \$1.50 best style made for \$2.50.
The Columbia \$2.00 Shoes for \$1.00.
The Columbia Kid Shoes for \$1.00.
Ladies' Oxfords at nearly your own price.
Ladies' genuine Kid Shoes for 75c.

GENTS'.....

Johnston & Murphy's Newark, N. J., celebrated line of Cal \$6.00 Shoes, to reduce stock, \$3.00.
Smith & Stoughton's \$5.00 hand Sewed Cal Shoes, all styles, to reduce stock we cut them to \$3.25.
The Columbia \$1.00 Shoes for \$2.75.
The Columbia \$2.00 Shoes for \$1.25.
Our own \$2.00 Shoes for \$1.50.
Men's Lace and Congress Shoes for 75c.
Men's Canvas Lace Shoes, leather trimmed, for 50c.
Boys' Fine Shoes for \$1.00.
Boys' good Lace Shoes all sizes, for 75c.

Misses' and Children's Department.

In this line we have always led in style and price.

P. Cox's finest in the world Misses' Shoes sold in all large cities for \$3.00 our price \$2.00.
Misses' extension sole Shoes for \$1.50.
Misses' Kid Shoes for \$1.00.
Misses' Kid Shoes for 75c.
Misses' Red Oxfords for 45c.
Child's Red Oxfords, sizes 9 to 11 for 45c.
Child's Red Oxfords, sizes 5 to 8 for 25c.
Children's Kid Shoes, sizes 2 to 1 for 10c.
A few pairs left of our home comfort Ladies' Black Serge and Canvas Slippers for 25c.

BUY TO-DAY. Don't wait until too late. Don't forget to ask for your tickets on the Rogers Silverware.

CLEARING SALE!

Columbia Shoe Store,

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